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REMARKS

The indication Claim 11 being allowed is acknowledged. Claims 1-10 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. New Claims 13-16 are added. New Claims 13-16 depend from allowed Claim 11 and they recite the features of cancelled Claims 2-5. It is believed that this amendment is fully responsive to the Office Action mailed on November 7, 2008.

It is believed that the rejections found in the outstanding Office Action are now moot in view of the above-discussed claim amendments. It is believed that Claims 13-16 as well as Claim 11 should be allowed in view of their dependency on Claim 11.

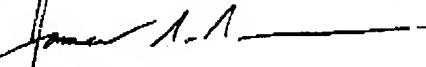
If, for any reason, it is felt that this application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the Applicants' undersigned attorney at the telephone number indicated below to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case.

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In the event that this paper is not timely filed, the Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. Please charge any fees for such an extension of time and any other fees which may be due with respect to this paper, to Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

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